Government, utilisation of funds against the already sanctioned works, and the amount of sanctions already available with the State, so that the sanctioned works are completed in a reasonable time of two years or less. Accordingly, the sanctions in any year have to be restricted to State's capacity to utilise the funds allocated under CRF. Fresh prioritisation is done by the State for subsequent year.

Sundar Committee Report on Road Safety

1966. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has accepted Sundar Committee Report on Road Safety norms;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations accepted by Government so far;

(c) whether Government proposes to put stringent and strong deterrent measures against traffic violations besides rigorous punishments for causing fatalities; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and whether these measures have been brought in new Road Safety Bill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri S. Sundar, former Secretary, Ministry of Surface Transport, submitted its report on 20.2.2007, *inter-alia*, recommending creation of the National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board and also creation of a dedicated fund namely 'National Road Safety Fund'. The Committee of Secretaries (CoS) in its meeting held on 4.3.2008 has in-principle accepted the proposal for creation of the Board recommended by Sundar Committee. The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) headed by Secretary (Expenditure) in its meeting held on 3.12.08 has also agreed to the proposal for creation of a statutory Board and also creation of National Road Safety Fund.

(c) and (d) Penalties for traffic violations are governed by the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. In the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2007 introduced in Rajya Sabha on 15.5.2007, it has been proposed to increase the penalties for various traffic violations. The National Road Safety and Traffic Management Bill recommended by Sundar Committee does not provide penalties for traffic violations.

PPP model for NHDP programmes

1967. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of success achieved so far in the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model in the programmes under Phase-III to Phase-VI of National Highways Development Project (NHDP); and

(b) whether any incentive structures are being visualized in order to attract private investments?